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GREETINGS FROM NORTH HEMPSTEAD TOWN SUPERVISOR JUDI BOSWORTH

On January 1st, I was proud to be sworn in as the 37th Supervisor in the history of the Town of North Hempstead. What a touching moment it was to be given my official oath of office that day by former Supervisor Jon Kaiman right in front of May Newburger Cove in Port Washington. Just four days later, New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli administered my public oath of office in front of so many close friends and family. I felt a truly special sense of continuity between myself and these other distinguished leaders who have shaped this Town over recent decades.

This administration takes office energized and prepared to build on what is already a strong foundation. But make no mistake, there is more that we can and will do. I don't know if I would say we are "taking the Town by storm," but it certainly seems that way, as we have been hit with a powerful string of winter storms in the first few weeks. I was immediately struck by the remarkable collaborative effort made to address these storms from all angles to ensure the safety of our residents.

It truly will take a team effort to accomplish the goals I have set forth. Increased government transparency, a renewed focus on customer service, new environmental initiatives, and maintaining the Town's strong finances are just some of my priorities. As we work together collectively, I invite every resident of the Town to have a "seat at the table," so all our voices are heard.

Judi Bosworth



Supervisor Bosworth delivers her first State of the Town on Jan. 31st



State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli administers Supervisor Bosworth's oath of office on Jan. 5th

BUILDING A STRONG FINANCIAL FOUNDATION



The Town’s financial picture is bright. North Hempstead has its highest bond rating in the Town’s history (Aa1), which Moody’s Investor Services says is a testament to “strong financial management and fiscally conservative management practices.” Supervisor Bosworth’s approach to finances includes working with the Town Board and our highly professional finance team to put into place a multi-year capital plan and multi-year debt management plan, all to ensure the stability and strength of Town finances moving forward.

PROMOTING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

The Town of North Hempstead is deeply committed to providing residents with an open and transparent government. Supervisor Bosworth has already established “Town Board LIVE,” a system that allows Town residents to view Town Board meetings from the comfort of their own home on their mobile devices and computers. In addition, a 30 minute public comment period has been moved to the beginning of each Town Board meeting, allowing those with busy schedules to be able to attend and voice their opinions.



EXPANDING PARKS PROGRAMMING TO ATTRACT YOUNG FAMILIES

North Hempstead has always been committed to providing residents with the best possible programming and events, including concerts and festivals all year round. The recent Winter Vacation Recreation program at Tully Park is one example of how the Town will be encouraging more young families to take part in events. Going hand-in-hand with our programming are the facilities that make it all possible. Recently, the Town opened

the “Yes We Can” Community Center in Westbury, fulfilling a decades-long dream for the local community. Supervisor Bosworth looks forward to expanding programming and events at the “Yes We Can” Center and involving even more residents from all corners of the Town.



NORTH HEMPSTEAD POLAR PLUNGE

Saturday, March 1st
North Hempstead Beach Park
Registration:
10am; Plunge at Noon



Join us for the 10th Anniversary of the North Hempstead Polar Plunge and take a dip into the chilly waters of Hempstead Harbor! Last year, over 600 plungers helped raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York. You can start a team, join an existing one or participate as an individual. To register, log onto www.polarplungeny.org/northhempstead.

For more information, please call 311.

IMPROVED CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Town is making great strides toward creating a more accessible and user-friendly Building Department for our residents. The temporary reconciliation period was extended recently allowing for residents to ensure that their homes and businesses are safe and code compliant, without paying the four times permit fee. The addition of a Building Department Applicant Advocate has allowed us to put a greater emphasis on customer service. The Advocate is working directly with constituents to assist them in navigating the permit process. New community-based evening office hours have also been introduced to add further convenience. Call 311 for more details about the Applicant Advocate.



ADDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES WITH WATER CONSERVATION

Committed to protecting our environment and conserving natural resources, the Town continues to roll out a wide variety of eco-friendly initiatives year after year. The focus will now shift to water conservation and protection of our aquifers and drinking water, an initiative on which Supervisor Bosworth took the lead as County Legislator. Ongoing programs such as the School Recycling Partnership Program, the Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program, partnership with



Smart Tap, the Recycle the Rain Program, and composting efforts already contribute to that effort. All of these programs help conserve water and energy, save trees, prevent toxins from entering our aquifers, and go a long way toward preserving our environment for future generations. An upcoming video contest where local students demonstrate why water conservation is important is just one way North Hempstead is leading the way in helping children understand the importance of protecting our environment. It all starts with our kids.

NEW DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN IS APPOINTED



Former East Hills Village Trustee Peter Zuckerman was appointed as District 2’s new Councilman on January 28th, filling the seat left vacant by the resignation of former Councilman Tom Dwyer. Councilman Zuckerman will represent the people of Albertson, East Hills, East Williston, Glenwood Landing, Greenvale, Herricks, Manhasset Hills, Roslyn Harbor, Roslyn Heights and Searingtown. He will serve as the District 2 Councilman for the remainder of 2014, with a special election to be held in November. The Council person elected in November 2014 will serve an additional year until the end of 2015. The election for the full four-year term for the seat will be held in November 2015.



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INCREASED SENIOR PROGRAMMING WITH PROJECT INDEPENDENCE



The Town's ground-breaking aging in place initiative, Project Independence, has been incredibly successful in helping North Hempstead's aging population to remain in their homes as they grow older. We are now looking to take the next step as appointments for medical

and supermarket visits can now be scheduled using the virtual health portion of the Project independence website at www.tonhprojectindependence.net. We are working toward allowing seniors to monitor their health in their own home as well by using the web. The "Help at Home" program, where disabled persons are trained to help seniors with minor home repairs and household chores, received a recent boost with a grant and will be expanded. As always, you can call 311 to take advantage of any part of the vast network of services provided by North Hempstead's Project Independence.

MAKING 311 MORE CONVENIENT

North Hempstead's 311 Call Center makes the process of answering constituent questions simple, by allowing residents to make one phone call to have their question or concern addressed. This service becomes especially important during emergency events, such as the recent snow and ice storms, during which the Call Center was open for extended hours. As part of the Town's commitment toward making Town Hall accessible, new technology is being incorporated into the 311 initiative. The innovative "My North Hempstead" app will allow users to place 311 service requests with the press of a button on their smartphone or tablet. 311 service requests can soon be submitted 24 hours per day and 7 days per week on the Town's website. Emphasizing the use of technology will allow North Hempstead to further embrace the 21st century.



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